ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A data search apparatus searches a database in which data consisting of still image data and meta-data is registered. The data is searched based on a set search condition and the meta-data contained in each item of the data registered in the database. While conducting a search, if there is data which does not actually exist in a thumbnail list, that data is deleted from the database. If there is any data which is stored in a predetermined logical area and which is not registered in the database, that data is added to the data in the database.